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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: *In re: Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2738*

Dear Rick and Leigh:

I write to update the PSC on several issues in connection with Imerys' talc samples.

I. PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED SAMPLES

First, on February 27, 2018, Lorna Dotro previously advised the PSC that Imerys was working to locate certain samples contained on the Imerys Sample List. We have the following updates on three of those samples:

A02225 2002 Yearly composite of Grade 96 USP for AA testing for J&J
Year 2002 composite – Please be advised that this sample was not retained as it was a compilation of several component samples. Those component samples were A02224, A02400, A02524 and A03038. Those samples are available for testing should you wish to test them.

A11511 TEM Analysis of Guangxi 2 from the MV Prabhu Puni
Guangxi 2 – This sample is identical to sample A11510 which was previously identified.



A12014 4th quarter 2011 heavy metal analysis Grade 25 USP -Please be advised that this sample was not retained as it was a compilation of several component samples. Those component samples were A11508, A11547 and A12009. Those samples are available for testing should you wish to test them.

Investigation is continuing with respect to the remaining samples listed in the February 27, 2018 email. However, while Imerys was investigating those samples, it located additional samples. Imerys discloses the following additional samples as follows.

II. SAMPLES FROM 2012-2014

Enclosed herewith is an Excel Spreadsheet named “Samples List 2012-2014” that lists 20 additional samples of Grade 25 talc for the years 2012 -2014. These samples are in counsel’s possession and available for splitting if the PSC would like to test them.

III. BOX IDENTIFIED DURING THE LANZO TRIAL

As you are aware, a box of Windsor Grade 66 composite samples dated the 1964-1987 timeframe was identified during the Lanzo trial. That box has been located. The box is in the process of being inventoried and we will produce an inventory of those samples upon completion. These samples are in counsel’s possession and will be available for splitting if the PSC would like to test them.

IV. SAMPLES BEING IDENTIFIED IN ASBESTOS LITIGATION

In order to stay coordinated with disclosures being made in the asbestos litigation being litigated throughout the country, Imerys hereby advises the PSC that it has located four boxes containing samples of various grades of talc from the Vermont mine for the time frames 1988 and 2001. Enclosed herewith is an Excel Spreadsheet named “Sample Inventory -VT Boxes”. By disclosing these boxes in the MDL at this time, Imerys in no way admits and/or concedes that these samples are samples of talc that was sold to Defendant Johnson & Johnson. We are investigating whether these samples contain talc that was sent to Defendant Johnson & Johnson and we will advise as soon as we know more.

V. SAMPLES INQUIRIES FROM PSC

On or about May 7, 2018, during a meet and confer telephone call, the PSC inquired about certain samples identified in a memo dated stamped IMERYS 309892 that were not on the list of samples identified and produced by Imerys. Imerys hereby provides the following additional information regarding those samples.



In general, Imerys previous samples lists contained only samples of floated product sent to Defendant Johnson & Johnson. The following samples identified in the memo were not samples of floated product to Defendant Johnson & Johnson and, therefore, were not identified by Imerys:

A03195
A03540
A04686
A05040
A05054

As to sample A04318, this sample was a 2004 yearly composite sent for chemistry testing that was not retained by Imerys in its normal course of business. Composite samples for floated product sent to Johnson & Johnson for the 2004-time frame were disclosed on Imerys' initial samples list.

Imerys is still investigating as to samples A05033 and A05075.

VI. TEM GRIDS AND CORE SAMPLES

Imerys is still evaluating its position as to the PSC's request for TEM grids and core samples.

Should you have any questions with regard to this letter and/or wish to have a call to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

COUGHLIN DUFFY LLP

/s/ Mark K. Silver

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Enclosure (s)

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Susan Sharko, Esq.
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Project number	Sample number	Project Description
A12123	3	TEM analysis of April 2012 Houston Composites
A12151	3	TEM analysis of Houston Composites, May 2012
A12355	3	Characterization of Chinese #2, M.V. Jin Run
A13004	1	Houston Monthley Fiber Management Samples (December)
A13054	4	Characterization of Chinese # 1 & 2 ore from MV Jin Shun
A13062	1	TEM analysis of Houston Composites, Jan 2013
A13106	5	TEM analysis of Houston Composites, February 2013
A13149	2	Characterization and TEM of Guangxi #2 from M.V. Ning Bo Dolphin
A14072	2	Characterization Analysis of Guangxi #2 ore, M.V. "Cymbeline"
A14093	5	January and Febuary Houston Fiber Management Samples
A14126	3	TEM analysis of Houston Composites, March 2014
A14189	2	TEM analysis of Houston Composites, April 2014
A14192	1	Characterization of Guangxi #2 from "MV Popi S"
A14233	4	Houston May Fiber Management Samples
A14282	4	Houston June Fiber Management
A14324	4	Houston M4 July Samples
A14369	4	Houston August M4 Samples
A14411	4	TEM analysis of Houston Composites, September 2014
A14466	1	Houston Fibers Mgt M4 Project
A14496	3	November '14 Fiber Management - Houston

Sample description
APR 2012 Houston composite- Grade 25 USP
May 2012 Houston composite - Grade 25 USP
RM Chinese #2- Olympic H
Grade 25 USP
Pre-Grind CH 2 ore composite sample
Jan 2013 Houston Composite- Grade 25 USP
FEB 2013 Houston Composites- Grade 25
RM Chinese #2
RM Pre - Grind
CH@2 Grade 25 USP Feb 14
Grade 25 CH#2 March 2014
Apr 2014 Houston Composites- Grade 25 USP
Cimpact 710
Grade 25 USP
Grade 25 USP
Grade 25 USP
Grade 25 USP
Sept '14 Grade 25 Ch#2
Oct '14 Grade 25 Ch #2
Nov. '14 Grade 25 USP Chinese #1

SKP Box Number 322689823

Description West Windsor Silo 4
 "96" Trial Run 10/9 - 10/18/01
 Batch 2794-2802

Overview Box contains Grade 96 shift
 composite samples and railcar
 shipment samples;
 Shift samples have run hours
 written on bag

The cup samples are
 transloading samples from
 bulk 96 trailer unloading and
 RC microbe autosampler (4
 sets from each process)

Shift Comps

10/9/2001 Shift I
 Shift II
 10/10/2001 Shift II
 Shift III
 10/11/2001 Shift I
 Shift II
 Shift III
 10/12/2001 Shift I
 Shift II
 10/13/2001 Shift I
 10/17/2001 Shift II
 Shift III
 10/18/2001 Shift I
 Shift II

Railcar Samples Grade 96
 ACFX42618
 16 cup samples
 Final Composite Sample

ACFX42681 (42861)
 16 cup samples
 Final Composite Sample

ACFX 42680
 16 cup samples
 Final Composite Sample

SHPX42865
 16 cup samples
 Final Composite Sample

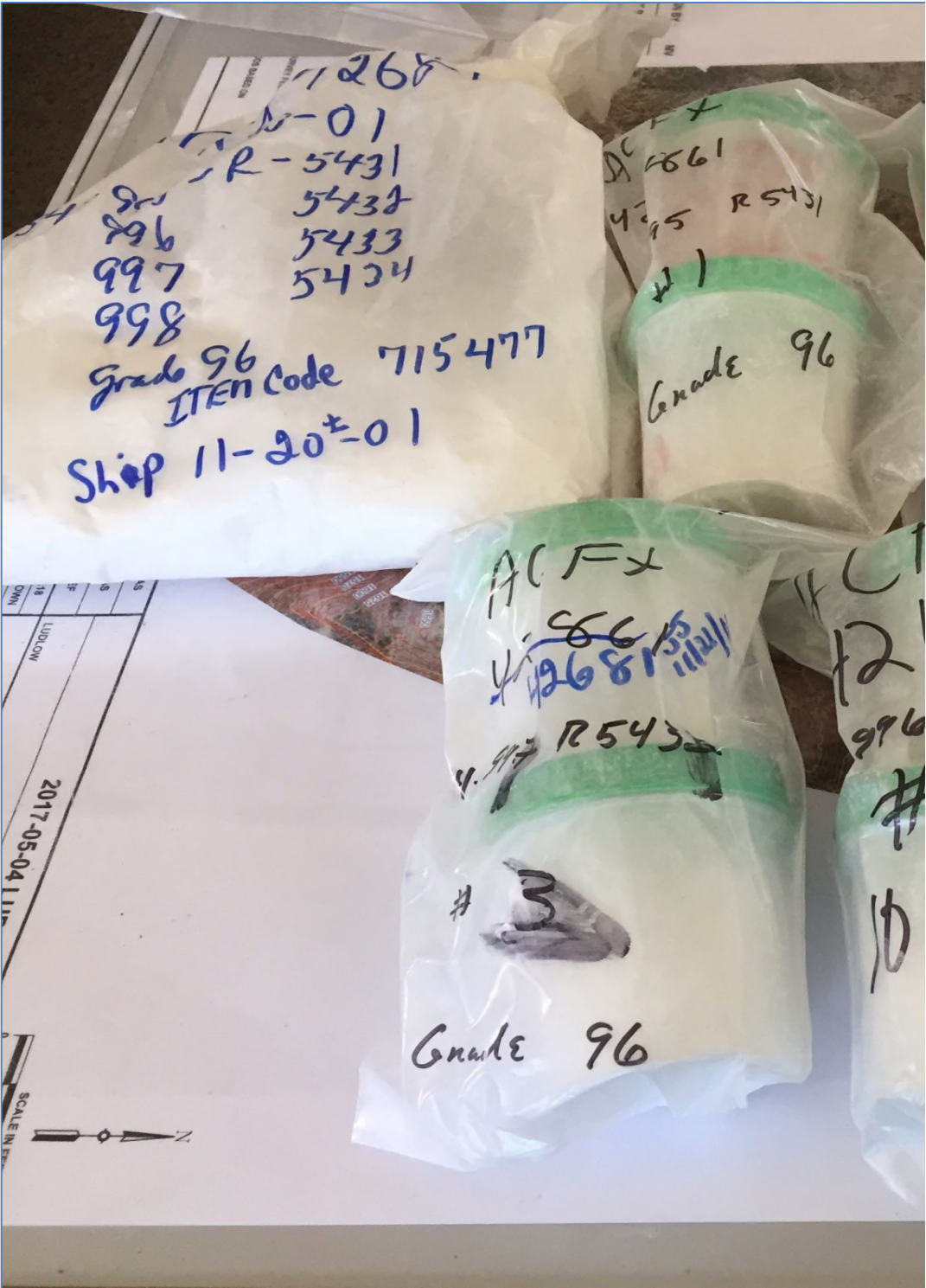
EXAMPLE OF

12/3/2001

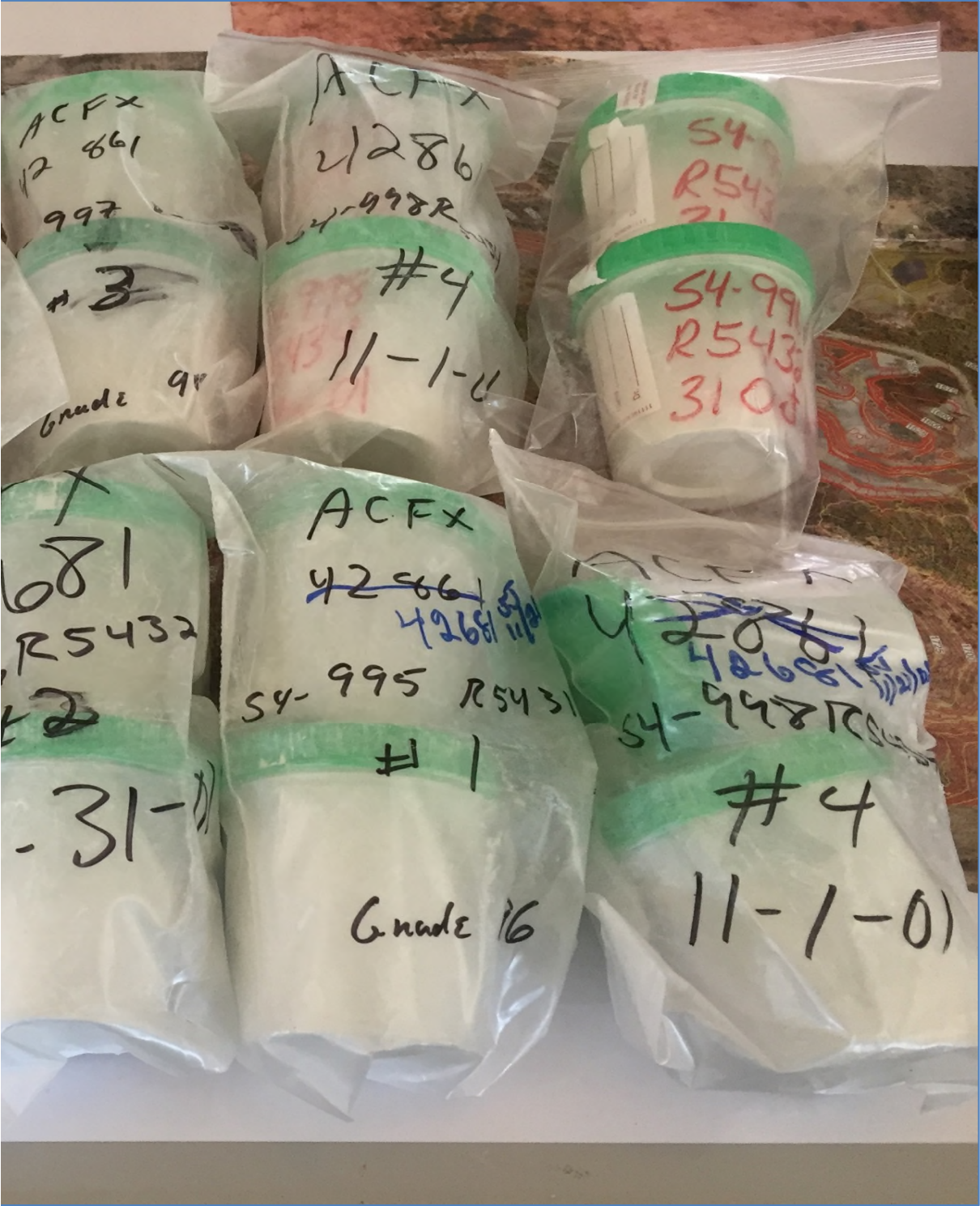
11/20/2001

11/19/2001

11/26/2001



COMP AND CUPS



SKP Box Number 322689806

Description Silo Composites with start and finish run times and/or dates.

Silo 9 Comp	23:40 9/29/1988 21:30 10/6/1988	Silo 1 Comp	8/24/1988 8/29/1988
Silo 5 Comp Grade 66	1:30 9/20/1988 19:55 9/24/1988	Silo 2 Comp	11:55 3/28/1988 5:00 4/4/1988
Silo 3	5:30 5/9/1988 10:15 5/13/1988	Silo 10	11:45 2/3/1988 6:30 2/15/1988
Silo 2 Comp	8/23/1988 8/24/1988	Silo 4 Comp	9/6/1988 9/9/1988
Silo 3 Comp	7/1/1988 7/11/1988	Silo 2 Comp	9/9/1988 9/13/1988
Silo 2 Comp	1:00 5/19/1988 4:30 5/26/1988	Silo 1	10:15 5/13/1988 1:00 5/19/1988
Silo 5 Comp	13:30 4/25/1988 11:00 4/28/1988	Silo 4	10:34 4/15/1988 22:05 4/19/1988
Silo 1 Comp	4:00 6/24/1988 8:20 7/1/1988	Silo 4 Comp	7/11/1988 7/13/1988
Silo 1 Comp	7/26/1988 8/1/1988	Silo 2 Comp	13:00 10/12/1988 7:30 10/20/1988
Silo 8 Comp	8/13/1988 8/7/1988	Silo 10 Comp Grade 66	14:15 9/27/1988 10/20/1988 5:00 10/26/1988
Silo 3 Comp	8/30/1988 9/2/1988		

Silo 2 Comp	13:00	10/12/1988	Silo 7 Comp	
Grade 96	7:30	10/20/1988		
Silo 6	19:55	9/24/1988	Silo 9	23:40
	23:40	9/29/1988		21:30
Silo 7	21:30	10/6/1988	Silo 5 Comp	
	13:00	10/12/1988		
Silo 4	14:00	11/10/1988	Silo 5 Comp	
	5:00	11/18/1988		19:55
Silo 1	10:30	3/23/1988	Silo 3 Comp	
	7:00	3/28/1988		
Silo 5 Comp		7/13/1988	Silo 5 Comp	
Gd 96		7/18/1988		
Silo 6 Comp	19:55	9/24/1988	Silo 6 Comp	
	23:40	9/29/1988		
Silo 4		8/5/1988	Silo 7	19:30
		8/9/1988		14:00
Silo 7 Comp		8/17/1988	Silo 10	4:30
		8/23/1988		10:34
Silo 7	16:30	1/6/1988	Silo 9	16:20
	12:00	1/14/1988		16:35

7/21/1988	Silo 5	16:35	3/15/1988	Silo 1
7/26/1988		13:30	3/19/1988	
9/29/1988	Silo 2	10:41	2/29/1988	Silo 3
10/6/1988		13:20	3/4/1988	
8/9/1988	Silo 4 Comp		5/26/1988	Silo 7 Comp
8/13/1988			6/9/1988	
9/20/1988	Silo 1	8:00	2/24/1988	
9/24/1988		8:00	2/29/1988	
8/1/1988	Silo 3	15:55	1/25/1988	
8/5/1988		16:30	2/3/1988	
6/9/1988	Silo 7	11:00	4/28/1988	
6/17/1988		5:30	5/9/1988	
7/18/1988	Silo 9 Comp	22:05	4/19/1988	
7/20/1988		13:30	4/25/1988	
2/15/1988	Silo 3	13:20	3/4/1988	
2/16/1988		16:20	3/9/1988	
4/8/1988	Silo 9	12:25	12/23/1987	
4/15/1988		16:30	1/6/1988	
3/9/1988	Silo 5	11:15	2/17/1988	
3/15/1988		8:00	2/24/1988	

12:00 1/14/1988

15:55 1/25/1988

5:00 4/11/1988

4:30 4/8/1988

19:30 6/17/1988

4:00 6/24/1988

SKP Box Number 322689809

Box Description Monthly Float Feed Composite Samples

FF Jan 1998

FF Feb 1998

FF March 1998

FF Monthly Comp April 1998

FF Monthly Comp May 1998

FF Monthly Cop June 1998 Blended Ore

WW FF July 1998

FF Aug 1998

FF Sept 1998

Oct 1998

FF Nov 1998 Monthly Comp

FF Monthly Dec 1998

SKP Box Number 337243014

Box Description Gr 66 Retains

66 Daily 9/24/1988 Silo 5

66 Daily 11/21/1988 Silo 9

66 Daily 11/9/1988 Silo 3

66 Daily 11/28/1988 Silo 8

66 Daily 10/20/1988 Silo 10

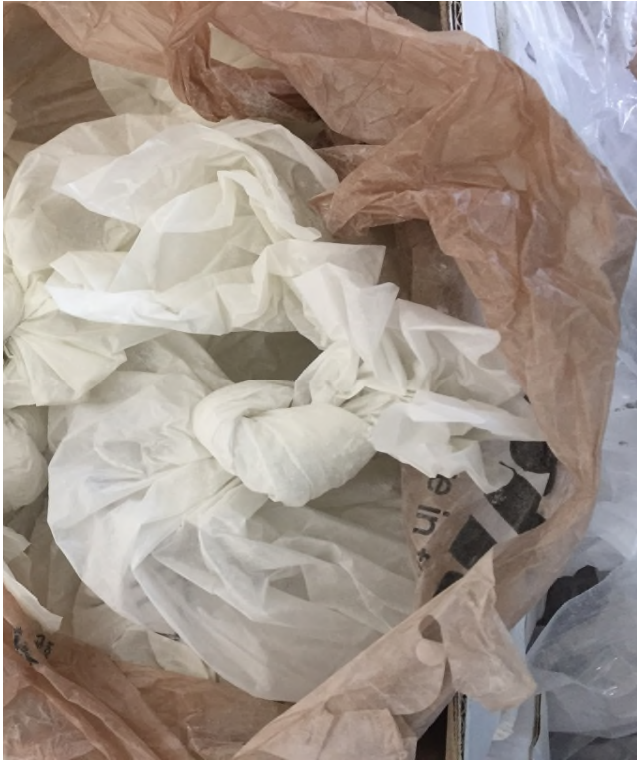
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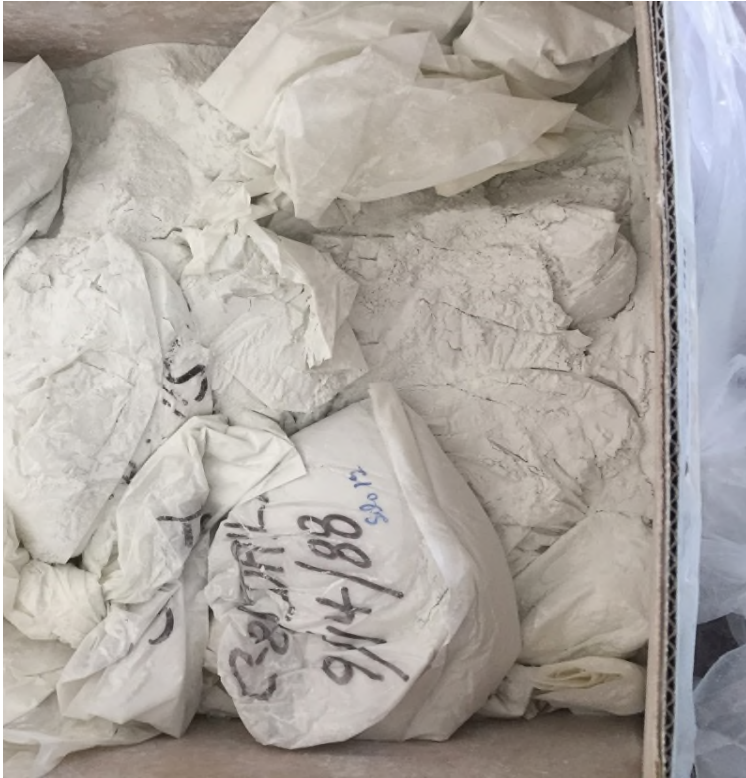
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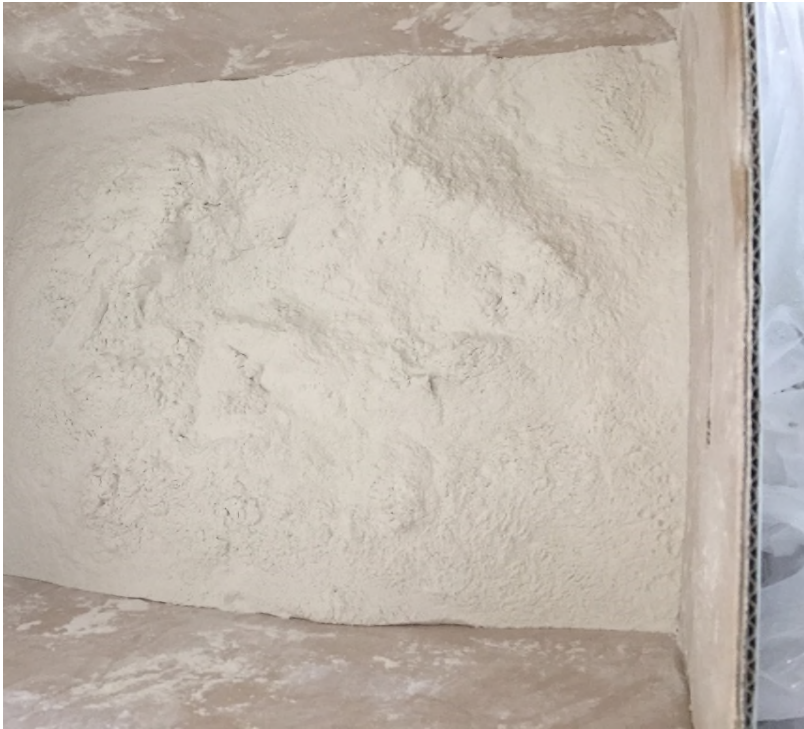


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